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P - Mr. Sargeant

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A/MS - Leon Crutcher

Backstopping State Representative on PSB

You will note that the attached memorandum from Mr. Davison agrees roughly with the line of action you and I recently discussed. I am not aware that it is necessary to take any formal action on this problem in the immediate future. In the meantime I suggest that we agree upon the following points:

1. Mr. Webb should, of course, be absent from PSB meetings as little as possible. When he is absent, however, Mr. Barrett should attend; in addition, Mr. Matthews should attend if the subject matter requires his presence in addition to that of Mr. Barrett. It is probable that in most cases both Mr. Barrett and Mr. Matthews would be needed to substitute for Mr. Webb, but we cannot be sure until we have had more experience with the board.
2. The Executive Secretary of PCB should be responsible within the Department for backstopping State Department representatives in PSB, including Mr. Webb's participation. In spite of the fact that other areas of the Department will be vitally interested in some PSB projects, the mass of staff work within the Department related to PSB is likely to fall in the Public Affairs area. In addition it would be highly desirable to have one man responsible for PCB staff work and for coordinating staff work in the Department with respect to PSB.
3. It may be necessary to modify these arrangements as the work of the board develops.

If you agree with these proposals, I suggest that a meeting between appropriate representatives of A, G, and P be arranged to discuss the problem informally in the near future. We will be glad to arrange such a meeting if you desire. The recommendation *(can be arranged)*

Mr. Scott agrees with these suggestions.

Attachment:

As stated.

cc: PCB/S - Mr. Davison

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